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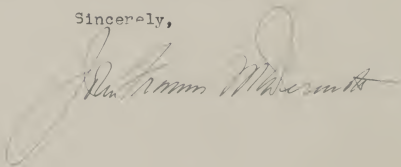
Dear Mr Newman:

You will remember that after your very interesting talk to the Westerners the other night I was asking you about the town views on early western currency.

I would appreciate it very much if you would let me have photostats of the Saint Louis, Herculaneum, and Edwardsville 1817 pictures to use in the book I am doing on the middle western frontier as artists saw it in the early nineteenth century.

Of course, I shall pay for the prints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Francis McDermott". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely,".

"To make available the source materials from which the history of St. Louis and the West will be written."

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Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Newman:

The St. Louis Historical Documents Foundation exists, as you know, to publish books concerned with the history of St. Louis and the West. The Board has no difficulty finding books to publish, but finding money to publish books is another matter. We have had several generous donations, all of which are now tied up in the two books already issued (Old Cahokia and Managers in Distress) and in the two-volume documentary work now in press (Before Lewis and Clark).

In order to keep up a flow of publications the Board has decided to institute a new class of sustaining memberships, the annual dues for which will be \$25.00. All money from these memberships will go directly into the revolving publication fund. No obligation will be attached to these memberships.

In return the sustaining members will receive all volumes issued during the year. The publications for 1952 will be The Early Histories of St. Louis on February 15 (\$4.00) and Before Lewis and Clark, two volumes, late spring (\$15.00).

Such membership fees, as gifts to the Foundation, will be tax deductible.

Will you become one of our sustaining members?

Sincerely yours,

